



2008 FILING SCHEDULE

For Maine Clean Election Act Candidates

PRIMARY ELECTION: JUNE 10, 2008			GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 4, 2008		
TYPE OF REPORT		FILING DEADLINE (BY 11:59 P.M.)	REPORT PERIOD		
Seed Money Report*					
For party candidates		April 15, 2008	Date of first seed money contribution – date of certification request		
For unenrolled candidates		June 2, 2008	<u>For candidates who filed a Semiannual Report*:</u> January 1, 2008 – date of certification request		
11-Day Pre-Primary		May 30, 2008	End of Seed Money Report – May 27, 2008		
42-Day Post-Primary		July 22, 2008	May 28, 2008 – July 15, 2008		
42-Day Pre-General		September 23, 2008	July 16, 2008 – September 16, 2008		
11-Day Pre-General		October 24, 2008	September 17, 2008 – October 21, 2008		
42-Day Post-General		December 16, 2008	October 22, 2008 – December 9, 2008		

*PLEASE NOTE: Any candidate collecting more than \$500 in seed money contributions in 2007 must file a campaign finance report on January 15, 2008 showing all seed money contributions and expenditures through December 31, 2007.

24-HOUR REPORTS

24-HOUR REPORT PERIOD (13 DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION)	WHAT TO REPORT	WHEN TO FILE THE REPORT
Primary: May 28 – June 9, 2008	Any single expenditure of \$1,000 or more.	Within 24 hours, including Saturdays and Sundays, of making the expenditure, incurring the obligation, or placing the order.
General: October 22 – November 3, 2008	Orders placed with or obligations made to vendors for goods or services are considered expenditures at the time the obligations are made.	

FILING PROCEDURES

Electronically Filed Campaign Finance Reports. Candidates who receive or expect to receive at least \$1,500 for their campaigns must file reports electronically on the Commission's website. Candidates or treasurers must enter the required information and click "File Report" by 11:59 p.m. on the filing deadline. Candidates who lack access to the technology or the technological ability to file reports on the internet may request a waiver by April 15, 2008. The Commission will grant all reasonable requests.

Filing Campaign Finance Reports on Paper. For candidates who are not required to file electronically, each original campaign finance report signed by the candidate and treasurer must be properly filed with the Commission by the filing deadline, except in two circumstances. A properly signed report may be faxed to the Commission office at (207) 287-6775 by 11:59 p.m. on the deadline, provided that the Commission receives the original report within five calendar days. A report mailed to the Commission by certified or registered mail and postmarked at least 2 days before the filing deadline will not be considered late, even if it is received after the deadline.

Commission staff will be available until 5:00 p.m. on filing deadlines to offer assistance to candidates and campaign staff.